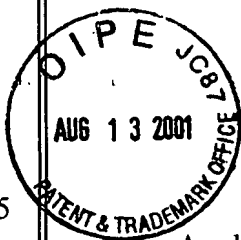


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

One of the cited references, Japanese Patent Publication No. 2594912, is discussed at page 1 of the specification. The Examiner is respectfully directed thereto for a concise explanation of the relevance of that prior art.

For the Examiner's convenience, English-language translations of Japanese Laid-Open patent appln. nos. 62-184856 and 2594912 are being submitted herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

<p align="center">Certificate of Mailing (37 C.F.R. 1.8)</p> <p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on (Date) <u>August 9, 2001</u></p> <p>Typed or printed name of person signing this certificate: <u>David L. Schaefer</u></p> <p>Signature: <u>David L. Schaefer</u></p>

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please do not hesitate to contact applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

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